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I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Leader, April 13, 1898.

G. L. DOBSON,  
*Secretary of State.*

#### CHAPTER 63.

S. F. 22.

AN ACT to amend section twenty-five hundred and thirty-six (2536), chapter fourteen (14), title twelve (XII), of the code, in relation to the State Veterinary Surgeon.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

**SECTION 1. Appropriation.** That section 2536, of chapter 14, title 12 of the code be amended by striking out the word "three" in the third line and inserting the word "five" in lieu thereof.

Approved April 7, 1898.

#### CHAPTER 64.

S. F. 116.

AN ACT amending sections two thousand five hundred and thirty-nine (2539), two thousand five hundred and forty (2540), and two thousand five hundred and fifty-nine (2559) of the code, relating to the care and propagation of fish and the protection of birds and game.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

**SECTION 1. Seizure without warrant—sale.** Section two thousand five hundred and thirty-nine (2539) of the code is amended by adding thereto:

"It shall be the duty of the fish and game warden, sheriffs, constables, and police officers of this state to seize and take possession of any fish, birds, or animals which have been caught, taken, or killed at a time, in a manner, or for a purpose, or had in possession or under control, or have been shipped, contrary to the provisions of this chapter. Such seizure may be made without a warrant. Any court having jurisdiction of the offense, upon receiving proof of probable cause for believing in the concealment of any fish, birds, or animals, caught, taken, killed, had in possession, under control, or shipped contrary to any of the provisions of this chapter, shall issue a search-warrant and cause a search to be made in any place therefor. Any fish, birds, or animals so found shall be sold for the purpose of paying the costs in the case, and the amount, if any, in excess of the costs shall be turned into the school fund of the county in which the seizure is made. Any net, seine, trap, contrivance, material, and substance whatever, while in use or had and maintained for the purpose of catching, taking, killing, trapping or deceiving any fish, birds, or animals contrary to any of the provisions of this chapter is hereby declared to be, and is, a public nuisance, and it shall be the duty of the fish and game warden, sheriffs, constables, and police officers of the state, without warrant or process, to take or seize any and all of the same."

**SEC. 2. Fishing—what permitted.** Section two thousand five hundred and forty (2540) of the code is amended by adding thereto:

"No person shall, at any time, kill, destroy, have in possession or under control, for any purpose whatever, any black bass, wall-eyed pike, or trout less than six (6) inches in length, except for the purpose of returning the same to the water from which they were taken, as soon as they are taken therefrom, with as little injury to the fish as possible."